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SUBJECT: DEBTS OWED BY CHADIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN CONTACTED TWICE IN PAST SEVERAL WEEKS BY CREDITORS TO WHOM CHADIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON OWES SIZEABLE SUMS. THESE INCLUDE LANDLORD OF CHANCERY IN WATERGATE BUILDING (DOLS 18,184.39 IN BACK RENT OWED) AND LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPANY (OUTSTANDING BILL OF DOLS 2,344.56). ATTORNEY FOR WATERGATE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATES, CHANCERY REALTOR, INFORMED DEPARTMENT MARCH 15 THAT IF CHADIANS DO NOT PAY ARREARAGE IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE, LANDLORD WILL RESORT TO QUOTE SELF-HELP UNQUOTE MEASURES (I.E., CHANGING THE LOCKS ON THE CHANCERY DOORS). FYI: THIS IS VIRTUALLY ONLY PUNITIVE RECOURSE OPEN TO LANDLORD AS EVICTION OF DIPLOMATIC MISSION NOT POSSIBLE UNDER DIPLOMATIC PRACTICE. END FYI.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED CREDITORS THAT CURRENT FINANCIAL PLIGHT OF CHADIAN EMBASSY TIED TO ABSENCE OF ALL DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL ACCREDITED TO WASHINGTON. MR. ALY, INTERIM
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CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF CHADIAN EMBASSY, HAS URGENTLY REQUESTED FUNDS FROM GOC, BUT TO NO AVAIL. HE HOPES THAT AMBASSADOR TOURA N'GABA WILL BRING FUNDS WITH HIM TO PAY OUTSTANDING BILLS WHEN HE TRAVELS TO US THIS MONTH. HE STATES THAT EMBASSY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, MR. OUSMAN, HANDCARRIED TO NDJAMENA OVER MONTH AGO COPIES OF ALL OUTSTANDING BILLS. HOWEVER, NOTES MR. ALY, UNDER GOC PRACTICE, AMBASSADOR

TOURA N'GABA WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO DISBURSE FUNDS UNTIL HE OFFICIALLY ASSUMES DUTIES -- I.E., AFTER PRESENTATION OF HIS CREDENTIALS. AS EMBASSY AWARE, TIMING OF CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION DEPENDS ON WHITE HOUSE SCHEDULING -- THEREBY POSSIBLY ADDING FURTHER DELAY TO CLEARING OF CHADIAN EMBASSY DEBTS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: SUGGEST AMBASSADOR RAISE THIS MATTER AT EARLIEST POSSIBILITY WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY CONTACTS AND/OR WITH AMBASSADOR TOURA N'GABA HIMSELF. IMMEDIATE ACTION BY GOC -- IN FORM OF RELEASING FUNDS TO MR. ALY IMMEDIATELY -- WOULD DO MUCH TO APPEASE CREDITORS. EVEN PARTIAL PAYMENT WOULD BE OF HELP, ON CONDITION THAT AMBASSADOR TOURA N'GABA BE ENDOWED WITH SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO CLEAR REMAINING ARREARAGES WITHIN ONE MONTH, AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN US. AMBASSADOR MIGHT GENTLY POINT OUT TO AMBASSADOR TOURA N'GABA THAT POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT, WITHOUT IMMEDIATE PAYMENT OF BACK RENT, HE MAY NOT HAVE EASY ACCESS TO CHANCERY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON.

4. PLEASE ADVISE RESULTS OF EMBASSY APPROACHES ON THIS MATTER ASAP.
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